



## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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### **Proposed Bill 7154 "An Act Concerning A Sustainable Construction Code and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Retention of Consultants For Proceedings Before Public Utilities Regulatory Authority"**

**Testimony of Commissioner Joshua Geballe**

**Department of Administrative Services**

**Energy & Technology Committee**

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Proposed Bill 7154 "An Act Concerning A Sustainable Construction Code and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Retention Of Consultants For Proceedings Before the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority. Section 1 of PB 7154 requires the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to adopt new state building construction standards through regulations in consultation with the Department of Administrative Services.

DAS supports section 1 of the bill.

DAS has collaborated extensively with DEEP in the development of section 1 of this bill. This section makes changes that will allow DEEP move the current high performance building regulations, which are now based on several different standards and are over ten years old, to a national model sustainable/green construction code. Using a national model code as a basis of the high performance buildings regulations will simplify the compliance process for state and municipal construction projects, and will make updating these regulations easier in the future as technology advances.

DAS looks forward to its continued work with DEEP in promoting high performing state funded facilities.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.